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## THE TWENTIETH CENTURY.

We are informed that several of our local mathematicians are puzzling their brains over the century question, and some have gotten into heated discussion over the subject. The following from the Fredericksburg Free Lance appears lucid to us:

"The twentieth century, anno domini, will not have begun until nineteen hundred years have been seen and passed since the birth of Christ; and full nineteen hundred years will have not been completed until midnight of December 31st, 1900. Again—and probably more explicitly still—the year 1 was not completed and the second began until 365 days in the year 1 were accomplished, which was at midnight of December 31st, year 1. So also the year 1000—the second century did not begin until full one hundred years had passed, which was on midnight of December 31st, year 130. This of course is not taking into account errors in the various calendars from time to time nor the error as to the birth of Christ, which occurred chronologically in the year 4, B. C."

Another simple illustration presents itself to our mind as evidence that we have not yet entered upon the twentieth century: A collector of pennies does not begin on his twentieth dollar until he reaches 1901 pennies, or a fractional part of a penny in excess of 1900; 1900 pennies complete the 19th dollar, but when he secures another (or a fraction of it by mills, if there were such specie) he begins on his twentieth dollar. If Christ were born in December (or April, as some chronologists have it) the year 1 was not commenced until 365 days had passed, when the year 2 began.

## MUST MOVE FORWARD.

To the VIRGINIA CITIZEN is due and ascribed the credit of publishing the first 8-column-to-the-page paper between Fredericksburg and the Bay. Credit is also due it for reducing the subscription price in this locality to \$1 per year. Then we forged ahead and are now publishing a 9-column folio. This enables us to carry a full line of ads and still give more reading space to our patrons. Four columns more and each column two inches longer aggregate seven columns more space than an 8-column folio contains. From a study of newspaper enterprise we are impressed with the idea that the time has come when local papers must follow the example of the city papers in using illustrations if they wish to keep abreast of the times. With the advent of the year 1900 we purpose inaugurating this innovation, and so from time to time (possibly every issue) will illustrate the pages of the VIRGINIA CITIZEN with portraits of persons and cuts of scenes and industries that will be of interest to our people. The public patronizes us liberally and we intend that they shall get the full value of their money, if it requires every dollar paid in to us to do so. And we do not intend that any of our worthy contemporaries shall point out to us the way of progress.

One of our facetious friends in Baltimore the other day stopped us and seriously asked what was the quickest way to send a message? Our prompt reply was "telegraph." The next quickest way we "gave up," when our mean friend said "telephone," while for answer to the third quickest way he hissed "tell-a-woman." We are married and wouldn't dare endorse such sentiments, but we notice that our bachelor friend of the Orange Observer vies with our Baltimore cynic and braves the frowns of the ladies when he asserts that "the strongest attachment in the world is that of a woman in love—with herself."

A RECENT letter in this paper from Edwin Brown, Jr., of Northumberland county, upon the practice of leaving insane to languish in our jails, seems to have accomplished its purpose. Upon the strength of it the poor creatures were sent for and shortly afterward given more comfortable quarters at a state institution. We got a little "cousin" from the authorities, but that matters little. A little prodding is sometimes needed by officials, big and little, and does not go amiss.

CUPID is playing his cards fast and loose. Many marriages must indicate "good times coming."

WESLEY by all means let the Constitutional Convention question be made a party issue. While a matter of such moment should rise above party questions and appeal to all persons who have the interests of the old Commonwealth at heart, without regard to party, yet it seems that it cannot be achieved without party endorsement, as demonstrated a few years ago. So let the dominant party in Virginia endorse the movement in its next convention.

THE CITIZEN'S special message from Baltimore, relative to the many acres of dead fish to be found in the Chesapeake Bay, we would call to the attention of those carpers who are always harping on the destruction of our fish by the commercial fisheries. We are at a loss for an explanation as to the recent phenomenon, but presume it must have been due to the severe and unexpected cold snap.

NORTHUMBERLAND county, long a subject of immaturity from bad cases and a full court docket, is just at present "up to her neck" in big cases.

## ENGLAND AND THE BOERS.

More About the Pig-Sticking Which the English are Engaged In.

The war in South Africa has already cost Great Britain \$300,000,000 and nearly ten thousand lives. Boers beaten at Ladysmith. LONDON, January 8th.—A dispatch to the Central News from Pretoria says that General White has finally repulsed the Boers at Ladysmith, taking 400 prisoners. Another dispatch to the war office from Pretoria says that General White has repulsed the Boers at every point.

## HYMEN'S DEVOTEES.

Dr. B. H. Hubbard and Miss Edna Sanders will be married at the White Stone M. E. Church on Tuesday afternoon, January 23. No cards issued except to friends at a distance.

Mr. L. F. Harper, of King and Queen counties, and Miss Lou Chowning, of Middlesex, were married at the Baptist church at Saluda on January 8th by Rev. E. J. Richardson, assisted by Rev. W. H. Ryland.

At the residence of Rev. Isaac H. Marsh, in Northumberland county, Dec. 28th, Mr. Walter F. Haynie and Miss Lydia A. Marsh were united in wedlock, Rev. G. Wm. Beale, D. D., officiating.

## CAPT. AND MRS. R. F. MECKINS.

Irvington, have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Miss Sadie Belle Meekins, to Mr. Clarence Lloyd Brewington, the ceremony to take place on Thursday, January 18th, at 7 p. m., in Irvington Methodist church. Mr. Brewington is a youth of 19 years, and son of Jno. C. Brewington, of Irvington, and the bride-elect is about the same age.

## THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE BEEN ISSUED ON BEAUTIFUL CARDS:

"Rev. and Mrs. C. S. Arnett request your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Lillian Willcock, to Asa S. Rice, Tuesday afternoon, January 16, 2:30 o'clock, at her residence, 1221 Light street, Baltimore City, Maryland, 1900. At home after January 23, Heathsville, Va."

The groom elect is a prominent attorney of the Northern Neck bar, is Democratic county chairman of Northumberland and prominent in Baptist circles. The bride-to-be is daughter of the former Methodist minister who resided at Heathsville.

## STATE LEGISLATURE.

Dr. G. W. LeCato has introduced a joint resolution proposing a constitutional amendment to require the payment of a poll-tax as a prerequisite to voting in this State. It provides that a man who does not pay his capitation for a certain year shall be disqualified to vote after July 1st of the following year. The object of this provision is to prevent candidates from paying the capitation tax of voters.

## State Senator Lyle and Mr. R. E. Scott, an attorney of Roanoke, Va., came to blows last week in a legislative committee room, but the combatants were separated by friends before any damage was done.

## THE BOARD OF VISITORS TO THE STATE PENITENTIARY HAS DECIDED TO ENLARGE THE BUILDINGS AND ENCLOSURES.

## MILES OF DEAD FISH.

Crisp Notes on Fishing Subjects. (Special to the VA. CITIZEN.) BALTIMORE, Md., Jan. 7.—Capt. Bunces, Master of steamship Kolin, passed up the Chesapeake Bay, January 5th, 1900, and reports having sighted menhaden fish from York Spit to Patuxent, river flowing on top of the water, numbed and dead.

## A Christmas Present for Some Fair Woman.

A nice fair of forty cars, with comfortable buildings, one horse, one cow, one pig and one fowl and one fine old rooster as a Christmas present to some single Caucasian lady between the ages of eighteen and twenty-eight. Address: C. W. Allen, Blanton, Va.

The foregoing is a local "ad," clipped from the Fredericksburg Star. We are dead anxious to know whether some lady got her Xmas present or whether Mr. Allen got left. If unsuccessful how would it do to renew the ad. about April 1st? That's the day when one looks for surprises.

## INDICTED FOR ARSON.

Northumberland's Special Grand Jury Indicts Chas. R. Lewis.

The weather was crisp and the roads stiff and good as a VIRGINIA CITIZEN representative hid him across the Lancaster and Northumberland hills on his way to Heathsville court on Monday last. Numberless vehicles of all description—except the automobile—were encountered or passed, and the typical "old time dinky," with his household and yoke of steers (sometimes reduced to one), blocked the way in many a dell.

The old county had awakened from a winter's nap and a long rest from criminal trials, and these who were not summoned as jurors hurried over to discuss the momentous subjects, discount the jury's evidence and tell what must be the result of the trials. As noted in these dispatches before, the case of Chas. R. Lewis was to be weighed by a special grand jury upon a number of charges of burning. Mr. Lewis has been a citizen of much moment to Northumberland county and the Potomac river country. His first advent to the public eye was when, through the aid of several influential lawyers of the Northern Neck, he was given by the Legislature of Virginia a grant for the Hay Island flats, consisting of many hundreds of acres of valuable oyster grounds in the Potomac, at the mouth of Coan river. Such a howl was raised over this that a portion of the counsel nullified, and others of the fraternity took up the popular cry of the oystermen and petitioned the next Legislature to undo the work of its predecessor. This was speedily assented to, and thousands of dollars which Lewis had invested in planting upon the island flats were swept away without compensation from the state that had made a mistake in sowing and forced one of its subjects to reap the whirlwind. The ground was upon undisputed testimony proved to be natural oyster rock, and the myriads of toughmen who exercised their prerogatives when they swarmed upon it after the action of the second legislature. This launched Chas. R. Lewis to prominence, and no doubt was the beginning of a life which leads to his present predicament—a life which other might have been a useful and, probably, brilliant one.

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Mr. Jones, in his reply to one of Mr. Martin's letters, said Mr. Martin could not expect to have the opportunity of voting on this matter if he were to go to the Senate the balance of his natural life-time.

Then what did Mr. Jones mean in holding out the idea ever since his known discussion (until that admission) that the primary was only to be used through a short interim, and until the necessary change in the Constitution could be made? Mr. Jones will doubtless work hard to get a bill through the legislature legalizing the primary, as far as the State is concerned. If he does, that coupled with the fact that he ignored the only means in his power of forwarding election by direct vote, and his looking upon it as indefinitely in the future, will show that Mr. Jones only took to his fight for its popularity, and that his real fight has been to beat Mr. Martin, and fasten the primaries on us indefinitely. Now, I object very positively to the primary.

## LYNHAMS.

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considerable portion of the grounds was declared by him to be natural oyster rock. Upon his decision, and the statement that the tongs were entitled to the grounds for their use, they swarmed in upon the oysters planted by Capt. Bailey, and soon cleared them up. Bailey swore out warrants against some of the parties, but shortly afterwards withdrew them until a satisfactory settlement of the lines could be made. In the meantime Bailey began to scrape for the natural rocks of the grounds, but to scrape on one's private grounds is permissible, but to scrape on the natural rocks of the Commonwealth is a penal offense. (Claiming that he was engaged in doing the latter several toughmen swore out a warrant against Bailey and last week a preliminary hearing was had before a Justice of Northumberland county, who sent Bailey on to the Northumberland grand jury, which has just indicted him. The grounds in question are in the Yocomoico river and about a mile from the Northumberland county border. Bailey and his partners at the same time were fined \$50 and costs by the Justice on the charge of having unlawfully staked in these grounds. Counsel for Bailey took an appeal in this case.

## THIRD DAY.

The second jury, composed of D. E. Bowker, Wm. Cockrell, Wm. J. Tignor, Otis Harding, F. P. Cooper and two others, whose names we could not learn, after sitting a whole day could not agree upon an indictment against Lewis for burning the barn. They were discharged by the court, which continued the case and consideration of further indictments until the February term.

A sequel to the excitement prearranged in the arrest and filing of Mr. Jno. Anderson, a citizen of Heathsville, for threats and abuse of one of the witnesses against Lewis from Baltimore.

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## REEDVILLE.

Ennis Mear, a promising young man of 17 years, and the priestess of one of our hotels, died Monday morning after a year's illness from consumption. Our sympathies are with the bereaved ones.

## MISS MARY HINTON, AT LILIAN, HAS BEEN QUITE SICK FOR TWO WEEKS OR MORE, AS HAVE ALSO BEEN SEVERAL OF CAPT. J. B. HINTON'S CHILDREN.

We trust all will meet with speedy recovery.

## CAPT. E. O. CORSA WAS HOME FROM OLD POINT FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

Clarence Garner, of Village, is at Williamsburg under medical treatment.

## WALTER WINEGAR, OF WHITE STONE, WAS AT VILLAGE FRIDAY LAST. IT ACHES THAT HE IS A FREQUENT VISITOR.

While out skating Thursday last on Yocomoico river little Lizzie Dawson had the misfortune to fall and break her collar-bone.

## EDWARD WINSTEAD, OF VILLAGE, IS QUITE SICK AT THIS WRITING.

Miss Anna Tune, of Washington, is visiting at the home of her brother, L. H. Rock, near Bells Store.

## MISS LILLIAN ASHBURN, OF BELLS STORE, HAS BEEN VISITING FRIENDS AT COVARS.

Josie Dameron, daughter of Steptoe Dameron, was taken to the hospital in Baltimore last Friday to undergo medical treatment.

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Dr. Lewis predicts that I will be fighting Mr. Jones next year for his seat in Congress. Well, I haven't bothered about that yet; that will depend largely on Mr. Jones. The Dr. referred to my congratulations over the election of two such temperate, noble, Christian representatives, and sincerely hopes that next time my candidate may answer this description. Well, it was the redeeming feature of a lot of unwholesome. Perhaps the Dr. may be my candidate next time, and of course he fills the bill! If he should be a little short, I have already suggested the camp meeting, and there won't be any difficulty.

The Dr. says I must be consistent in my political and local option fights, and until my political and temperance views coincide I won't throw stones. Well, Dr., I must have any more political or local option fights if you don't force them on me, and as to my temperance, I haven't bought a drop of liquor from anywhere since local option, and, therefore, have never aided in violating the law. So I think I can afford to throw stones, if I were so disposed and was sure they wouldn't break the Dr.'s windows.

The Dr. says I have incurred the ill-will of some of the Democracy I may well wish to imitate. This I plead earnestly that I never intended to offend any one, and hope I have not done so. I did not say one word against the good people of Wheaton, for all of whom I have the kindest feelings. I only wanted to touch the politicians a little. But the Dr. must be more explicit, and tell me whose Democracy he wants me to imitate before he can expect me to do so, as my Democracy as it stands, (though it may not be the kind the Dr. admires) has been beyond the suspicion of even those of different views and has never been questioned. The Dr. says he wants to hear no more preaching from me until I learn "true Democracy as it exists in the bench, where such agitators should serve till their rebellious spirits are subdued, and brought to the light of true Democracy without fear or guile." Well, the Dr. was tired after such a heterogeneous delivery and stopped without telling me who my instructor in the "light of true Democracy without fear or guile," is to be; and this is very important to me because I fear that it may not be best to have too much light on all political instruction, and it might be well fear to do some things, and if I am to get it without guile I will certainly have to call on the Dr.

## SMITH'S POINT.

This is the first time this scribe has attempted to write for the CITIZEN.

There are several boats in Little River loaded with oysters for Washington—the Water Lily, Little Esther and the Hattie Whittington—but the recent freeze prevented their getting away.

Four young men of Hack's Neck, Messrs. Raymond Williams, Eddie Hamilton, Frank and Willie Haynie, crossed over to the Island on New Year's day and gave a wood cutting to Mr. W. H. Johnson, for which he is very grateful.

## MESSRS. JOHN RAMEY AND W. A. COOKMAN HAVE BEEN VISITING AT THIS PLACE.

Miss Edna Cookman, the bright and accomplished daughter of Mr. E. J. Cookman, returned from Washington Xmas day, accompanied by her uncle, W. A. Cookman. She will spend sometime visiting friends in the vicinity. We are glad to have her with us again.

Messrs. A. B. Hudson and J. T. Cookman, of Washington, who have been spending a few days at the home of C. T. and W. A. Cookman, have returned home.

## ON SUNDAY, DEC. 31, TWO TONGUES, ON THEIR WAY HOME FROM JACKSON'S CREEK, REACHED LITTLE RIVER ABOUT SUNSET, AND ON ACCOUNT OF THE COLD STOPPED AT THE HOME OF J. R. ABBOTT. NEW YEAR'S MORNING THEY STARTED ACROSS THE CHESAPEAKE AND WHEN ABOUT HALF WAY OVER WERE CAUGHT IN A SNOW STORM.

It has been quite lively around the mouth of the river for the past few days with the gunners after the duck.

## WELL, GOOD FRIENDS, I WISH YOU ALL A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

## BUG-EYE FOR SALE.

Have a bug-eye measuring 47½ feet on keel and 12-foot beam, in first-class condition and carrying 325 bushels of oysters, which I will sell cheap for cash. Address: W. R. JOHNSON, Ocracoke, Va.

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